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Grafton Historical Commission
7:00 p.m., May 13, 2021
Grafton ZOOM Virtual Conference ID: Meeting ID: 935 8436 1322

A regular meeting of the Grafton Historical Commission was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by David Therrien, Chair.

Members Present: David Therrien, John Stephens, Donald Clark, Kimberly Bagni, Robert Aberg, Bruce Teixeira

1. **Call to Order** – David Therrien called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
2. **Minutes** – Don Clark moved to accept the minutes of March, 2021 as amended. Motion carried 7-0.
3. **Bills** – No bills.
4. **A) Discussion of RFP for 17 & 27 Upton St** – David Therrien noted that 17 Upton St was not included in the original warrant article, but will be included in the June 2021 town meeting warrant.

B) Discussion of 25 Worcester St Proposals – David Therrien noted that he received emails questioning why he asserted the proposals would fall under MGL Ch.40B, and that his reasoning was that the current zoning is residential and all the proposals were higher density, he believes it would require a Ch.40B project or a zoning change to proceed. Steve Teixeira stated he would like to drive up Worcester St. and see structures appropriate to the character of the neighborhood, something reasonable to the neighborhood, also writing in the chat, "I believe the interest of the historic district is to maintain the character of the center of town as it has been known to us throughout history or you open the flood gates to changing our towns character and most vital asset. Do we elect to be a congested urban area? I hope not."

John Stephens moved that "Grafton Historical Commission recommend to Affordable housing Trust for structures in the planning phase for 25 Worcester St that any structure to be built recreate the character and feel of the period by having the structure built make reference to the former high school using similar massing, building materials, and architectural design

features.” Robert Aberg seconded. Vote was 2-Aye (Bagni, Stephens), 3-Nay (Therrien, Clark, Aberg). Chair declared the motion defeated.

C) Discussion of Weights and Measures Cabinet – John Stephens indicated that the “ready date” for moving books back into is July 12th. Robert Aberg expressed concern that the cabinet should be one of the last items to be moved after all the books and other heavy moving is completed. John Stephens will ask Andy Deschenes what the first appropriate date will be to move it in once heavy moving is complete.

5. Correspondence – None.

6. Public Input – None.

7. Executive Session, if necessary. Not necessary.

8. Adjournment – Don Clark moved to adjourn the meeting and Bruce Teixeira seconded. The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

List of Documents Used:

- None.

Minutes approved on: DRAFT

Minutes Respectfully Submitted
By Robert Aberg, Clerk
Grafton Historical Commission